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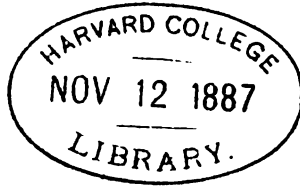


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## P R E F A C E.

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THE materials herewith were originally collected with a view to compiling a history of Hales Owen, based on that of Dr. Lyttleton, but circumstances have arisen which interfere with the carrying out of this idea. These materials have therefore merely been brought together in a handy form. There is, of course, no pretence at completeness, but an attempt has been made to fix the dates as correctly as possible. Indeed, until the valuable collection of documents at Hagley Park shall have been made public, it is almost useless to expect either completeness or accuracy.

The initial capitals placed at the end of the titles of books refer to the libraries in which such books are to be found, thus: B.M.=British Museum, B.F.L.=Birmingham Free Library, S.A.=Library of Society of Antiquaries, London. The letter P. implies that the book is possessed by private individuals.

*pro tem.*, HAYWOOD,  
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## INTRODUCTION.

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HALES OWEN is situated in the northern corner of Worcestershire, four miles and a half from Stourbridge, five miles from Dudley, and seven from Birmingham. Although not mentioned in the ninth edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, Hales Owen parish had 37,854 inhabitants at the taking of the census in 1881. It is composed of 15 Civil Parishes or Townships, which are divided between three different Poor Law Unions.

Concerning the name, Dr. Lyttleton (p. 117) says: "From whence the name of Hales or Halas I cannot say," and Nash (i. 510) repeats the statement *verbatim*. The derivation of the local name Hale was discussed in Notes & Queries (4 S. ii. Oct. 24, '68, pp. 404-405), and reference is there made to the Rev. Thos. O. Cockayne (Spoon and Sparrow, 1861, p. 75), who follows Grimm in explaining *hale* to mean 'hollow,' from the Anglo-Saxon *hal*, a hiding-place. We are also referred to the Rev. Isaac Taylor (Words and Places, 2nd ed. pp. 370-371), who maintains that the Celtic root *hal* 'salt,' is synonymous with the Teutonic *sal*.

The country surrounding Hales Owen lies in a basin-like depression, but Hales Owen itself lies on a hill-side; hence the root *hale* 'hollow' will hardly apply in an attempt to explain its etymology. At the same time, there is fair geo-



logical evidence which may tend to prove that the word Hales may in the case before us be derived from the root *hal* or *sal*. If we look at Sir R. I. Murchison's Map accompanying his Silurian System, we find that although Hales Owen itself stands on the Coal-measures, yet at a radius distant about one mile, from the north-east as the sun goes to the north-west, the formation is Red Sandstone over an area extending for many miles. The origin of the Red Sandstone and that of Rock-salt (the reservoirs of brine springs) are intimately connected (Lyell's Elements, 6th ed. pp. 445 *et seq.*), or, in other words, where there is Red Sandstone, under certain conditions it is reasonable to expect to come across salt; and if we do not know that the Celtic inhabitants obtained salt here, we do know from Domesday that, so far back as Edward the Confessor's time, a salt pan was worked at Droitwich belonging to the manor of Hala. The Rev. Mr. Taylor, above referred to, says: "The evidence of names enables us to prove that many existing saltworks were worked before the advent of the Teutonic race," so that we are perhaps not wrong in concluding that Hales Owen owes its name to its early salt pans.

In the Index to Philip's Atlas (of the Counties of England, 1875), the name Hale appears twenty-six times, the name Hales three times, besides the compounds, etc., such as Halesworth, Halewood, Haley. Nevertheless, this is not a complete list. In Domesday Book we have only succeeded in finding a very few of these names. There are Hale in Lancashire, Cheshire, and Lincoln, which retain the same spelling which they obtained at the time of the Conquest. Hales in Clavering Hundred, Co. Norfolk, was spelled Hals in Domesday (Hallam, near Ilkeston, in Derbyshire, was spelled Halen). Hailes or Hayles in Gloucestershire, Norton-in-Hales (? in Staffordshire), and Hales - Owen were written Heile, Halas and Hala respectively. It would be pure guesswork to attempt to

define the derivation of some of these names. The root *hal* means 'healthy' (H. Leo, *Angelsächsisches Glossar*, 1872), and unless we take it in connection with the water of St. Margaret's Well, we cannot apply any meaning to it in the name Hales Owen.

As to the suffix "Owen," Lyttleton (p. 117, Nash, i. 510) says: "The additional one of Owen is much later than the Norman Conquest. The earliest mention of it I find on record is in a writ or precept of 56 Henry III. [A.D. 1271] entered into a court roll of this manor, 'Curia de Hales, etc., Henr. Dei Gratia rex Angliae, etc. Ballivis Abbatis de Hales Oweyn, etc.' Perhaps this cognomen was then assumed in contradistinction from Hayles in Gloucestershire; abbeys having been at that time founded at both places; and though in different counties, yet were both situated in the diocese of Worcester, and probably the first abbot of our Hales was Owen." The Cistercian Abbey in county Gloucester was not founded until 1246 (S. Lewis' *Topogr. Dic. of Engl.* 7th ed.), while the Premonstratensian Canons took possession of their abbey, still incomplete, as early as 1218, so that a distinguishing suffix being needed, it ought to have been added to Hayles. The name of the *first* abbot of Hales Owen is only doubtfully known, and Dr. Lyttleton's suggestion that it probably was Owen is a mere, and unfortunately incorrect, supposition. The Rev. R. W. Eyton, writing in 1860 (*Antiquities of Shropshire*, vol. x. p. 234), was the first to state that Hales was called Hales Owen after the son of David, Prince of Wales, who had married Emma, sister of Henry II., and which king had given the manor to his brother-in-law. Mr. J. R. Holliday, writing twelve years later, and evidently unaware of Mr. Eyton's statement, arrives, from independent investigation, at the same conclusion concerning the addition of the suffix Owen. Mr. Holliday continues (p. 51): "There is no direct evidence that the manor ever actually was in the possession of his [David's]

son Owen, but there is a statement in an inquisition on the Hundred Rolls (2 Ed. I.), that when King John granted it for the foundation of the Abbey, he held it '*per escoetam cuiusdam nomine Oweyn,*' and in the reference foot-note he adds: "Rot. Hund. ii. p. 98. The earliest mention I find of Hales-Owen is in this inquisition . . ."

The name of the town and abbey has at different periods been spelled thus: Hala, Halas, Hales, Haleshowen, Halesowaign, Halesowayn, Halesoweign, Halesowen, Halesoweyn, Halesoweyne, Halesowyn, Halez, Halisowen, Halseowen, Halsowen, Hayles and Haylesowen. The name should of course be written in two separate words.

With regard to the meaning of the name Leasowes, Nares (Gloss. of Names, 1859) gives credit to Mr. Todd for having very properly shown that Leasow "was once a general word derived from the Saxon *leswe*." In the Dictionary (London, 1827) referred to the Rev. H. J. Todd explains: Leasow (*leswe*, *laeswe* Saxon) a pasture: "This word is very old in our language, but has escaped notice [Dr. Johnson omitted it], notwithstanding the modern application of it by Shenstone to his celebrated residence the Leasowes. Kelham [Dic. of the Norman or old French Language, Lond. 1779], notices also the Norman Fr. *Leswces*, or *Lesues*, as used for pasture ground." But the derivation of the word had been settled previously to this. Nash, in a footnote (i. 529), says: "Leasowes is a common word in this country for Inclosed Grass Grounds, and is found in the ancient Anglo-Saxon writers much in the same sense," and he refers to Edw. Lye's *Dictionarum Saxonico et Gothico-Latinarum* (London, 1772), where *leswe*, *laeswe* is translated as *pascuum*. Dr. Lyttleton (p. 136) also speaks of a pasture called Castle Leasow, near Well Hill, at Oldbury, and of another called Chapel Leasow, near Cradley Park. Why Mr. Todd should have thought Shenstone applied this name to his paradise is not clear. The name is not

an uncommon one, and Shenstone's biographers speak of the poet's father purchasing the Leasowes, and of the poet subsequently embellishing it. Shenstone, either in the position of a scholar or in that of a native, must have known the meaning of the word Leasowes, and it is not likely that he would have bestowed such a name on a property on to which his best endeavours were directed to change it from a grazing farm into a well-wooded picturesque park.

In preparing this Bibliography, apart from the minor new facts, such as the one that Hales Owen is written Hala in Domesday, and not Halas, as is popularly supposed, that John's grants of the manor were made in 1214 and 1215, instead of 1215 and 1216 (see Rot. Claus. i. p. 174, and Rot. Char. i. pp. 201 and 217), and that the dates of the holdings of the living by Thos. Littleton, Westwood, and Edw. Paston, during the Commonwealth, are doubtful (see Chronological Table), we have found references to some rather more important facts relating to the dates of office of three of the abbots.

Hitherto Richard has been considered, if not the first abbot, at least the first abbot of whom we have any cognizance. It now appears that Roger (whom Mr. Holliday places after Henry de Branewyk, and who, until Mr. Holliday placed him, held no place in the list of abbots) was abbot of Hales Owen before Richard. In the Ann. Prior. de Wigornia (see H. R. Luard in vol. iv. of Ann. Monastici, p. 424) we are informed, under date A.D. 1232, that the abbot of Hales Owen was translated to Welbeck, and that he was succeeded by Richard, etc. Nash (following Lyttleton), i. p. 458, quotes a document *circa* A.D. 1222, in which an abbot of Hales Owen named Roger was sued, etc., and in Rot. Claus. ii. p. 209, reference is made to Roger, abbot of Hales, A.D. 1227. There is consequently no doubt that Roger preceded Richard, and that for the present he may head the list of the Hales Owen abbots. The other abbot who has come to light is named

Mathew. Messrs. Lloyd and Dukes (*Antiq. of Shropshire*, p. 251) quote a charter, "ex autographo penes Johannem Winford, Mil." where it is stated: "Omnibus Christi fidelibus, etc., frater Matheus, abbas de Halesoweign et conventus ejusdem loci salutem, etc. Dat. 31 Ed. III." This Abbot Mathew (*circa* 1356) would therefore come in the list between Thos. de Birmingham and William de Bromsgrove. It is strange that Messrs. Lloyd and Dukes have not noticed this abbot's name, and inserted it in the list of abbots given on page lxix at the end. The third new abbot is named Martin; his name occurs only once, and that is in connection with the grant of some waste lands at Horborne. As John succeeded Nicholas, and we have no reference to the death of Henry de Branewyk, Martin probably comes in between Henry and Nicholas; if Lyttleton be correct in placing Nicholas as abbot about 1277, then we must place Martin as abbot about 1274.

With regard to the token mentioned by Parkes, a comparison with his drawing and Bodely's token in the B. M. shows that in a small detail he has not drawn it correctly. There is in the B. M. another Hales Owen token, being that of W. Robertson, of the same value, no date, with three scallops on the reverse.

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Pp. 142-143 refer to Roman antiquities found at Hales Owen, and quoted by Nash. On pp. 272-3 is given a list of curious names of places and fields at Hales Owen.

ANGAS. See *Nightingale*.

ANGELL (W. H.). See *Harris*.

BANDINELL. See *Dugdale*.

BASIRE. See *Parkes*.

BLOXAM. See *Hons*.

BUCK (S. AND N.). [A Collection of engravings of castles, abbeys. . . .] 5 vols. obl. fol. London, 1721-52. B. M.

Plate 5 of 7th Coll. in vol. i. gives the East View of Hales Owen Abbey, drawn and engraved in 1731 (and reprinted in 1774. B.M.).

A reduced plate (duodecimo size) of the Abbey ruins. Apparently from some old periodical, imprint erased. P.

CALDWELL. See *Nash*.

CALEY. See *Dugdale*.

CALVERT, RADCLYFFE AND WEST. Picturesque Views . . . in Shropshire. From original drawings taken expressly for this work by Mr. Fred. Calvert, engraved on steel by T. Radclyffe with hist. and topog. illustrations by Wm. West. 4to. Birmingham, 1831. B. M.

Contains a fine view of the Leasowes. On pp. 119-212 are some notes on Hales Owen and the Leasowes, including some on W. Caslon, "a great improver in the art of letter-founding," who was born at H. O. in 1692.

CARY. See *Parkes*.

CATALOGUE of Additional Charters in B. M.

No. 7391. Indenture by which William [Taylor], Abbot of the Monastery of Hales Owen [co. Salop], grants to William Geste

and Elizabeth his wife the lease of the site of the manor called Owley Grange, for 34 years, at an annual rent of 8 marcs sterling. Dat. 11 Dec., 25 Henry VIII. [1533]. Attached is a portion of the abbot's seal in red wax.

No. 9207. *Littera Abbatis et Conventus monasterii B. Mariae Virg. Sanctique Johannis Apost. et Evang. de Hales-owen* [co. Salop] praesentantes Clementem Pirry accolitum, Galfrido [Blythe] Conventr. et Lich. diocesaee episcopo ut eundem ad sacros ordines promoveat. Dat. 14 Sep., 1531. Attached is the Convent seal in red wax.

CONEY. See *Dugdale*.

COPPERPLATE MAGAZINE, THE. London, 1792-1802. 5 vo's. obl. 4to. B.M.

In vol. v. plate ccxiv. is a view of the ruins of the abbey, drawn by Parkes and engraved by Storer, and plate ccxvi. is a view of the township taken from the Leasowes, near the Priory, drawn by Parkes and engraved by Greig.

In vol. i. pl. xv. is a view of the Leasowes drawn by Evans and engraved by B. T. Pouncy.

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DODSLEY. See *Shenstone*.

DUDLISTON. See *Prattinton*.

DUKES. See *Lloyd and Dukes*.

DUGDALE (Sir WILLIAM, *Knt.*). *Monasticon Anglicanum*. . . . A new Edition. . . . by John Caley, Henry Ellis, and Bulkeley Bandinell. 6 vols. fol. London, 1830. B. M.

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ELLIS. See *Dugdale*.

EVANS. See *Copperplate Magazine*.

GILES (J.). *Miscellaneous Poems on Various Subjects and Occasions*. pp. 224, 8vo. London, 1771. B. M.

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GRAVES (RICHARD, *Rector of Claverton*). The Spiritual Quixote: or, The Summer's Ramble of Mr. Geoffry Wildgoose. 3 vols. 8vo. London, 1773. B.M.

In vol. iii. book ix., chaps vii. and viii. are entitled: "A Sketch of the Leasowes, and of the Character of the Worthy Possessor of that Place," and "A Practical Lecture against the Vanities of this World." The inhabitants seem to have called the Leasowes "Shenstone's Folly." Wildgoose's practical lecture consisted in letting all the water run out of the pools during the night, so as to spoil the cascades, and in overturning the leaden statue of the Piping Fawn. In this case Wildgoose and Graves were identical personages. Graves was an old college friend of the poet. Up to 1816 five editions of this Quixote were published.

GREEN (B.).

Two vignettes on one plate; the first a south-west prospect of H. O. church, the second a view of a small portion of H. O. abbey ruins. Drawn and Engraved by B. G. B.M. See also *Prattinton*.

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H. (L.). Sketch of a cover of a stone coffin found beneath the Pavement at Hales Owen Abbey. *Gent. Mag.*, vol. lxi. p. 1097, 1791. B.M.

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HALES OWEN ABBEY.

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There is not much about Hales Owen, but what there is has been copied and incorporated by Lyttleton and Prattinton, which *see*.

———— MS. Collections for Worcestershire. 4 vols. Fol. S.A.

Under the headings Bromsgrove, Clint, Churchill, Frankley, Hagley, etc., will be found references to Hales Owen.

**HARLEIAN CHARTERS IN B.M.** Harl. 44. E. 15. The visitation of Neuhaus by Thos. abbot of Hales Owen and Wm. abbot of Hagnely, A.D. 1343, with seals of the abbots.

**HARLEIAN MSS. in B.M.**

No. 5848, fol. 43. Mathew Paris' account of the foundation of Hales, co. Gloucester, is given incorrectly as that of Hales Owen. Sketches of the arms of Hales Owen are given.

No. 6963, p. 65. Will. Henale as abbot of Hayles.

**HARRIS (WILLIAM).** The History and Antiquities of the Borough and Parish of Hales Owen, compiled from the works of the ablest historians . . . Hales Owen: Printed by William Harris. Sold by Hudson, Birmingham; Maund, Bromsgrove; Henning, Stourbridge; and Sault, Hasbury. pp. 102. 12mo. [1840?] P.

The facts drawn from Nash (almost word for word), with additions up to date. The frontispiece gives a view of Hales Owen church, evidently reduced from Green's print presented to Lyttleton, and on p. 39 there is a small woodcut of a carving in the church, and on p. 92 one of St. Kenelm. In the B. F. L. there is an exact reproduction of this work, with the simple difference that the title-page gives the author's name as that of W. H. Angell, instead of William Harris. Widow Harris (his second wife) says (Jan. 15, 1886) that Angell was a foreman of her husband's, and falsely printed his (Angell's) name as that of the author. In the yellow handbill advertisement asking for subscribers to this book (and which paper is still in Mrs. Harris's possession), William Harris' name is put down as that of the printer, and no one is mentioned as the author. When Mr. Harris died (Dec. 1886, aged 84), he left behind him considerable MSS. containing notes for a new edition of his History. According to a lady, who has examined them, there are 41 fol. sheets closely written with notes up to date.

———— Clentine Rambles; or, a Companion to the Hills of Clent. Hales Owen: Printed by William Harris, High Street, 1835. pp. 106, 12mo. P.

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Pp. 86-92 deal with the Leasowes, Hales Owen, etc.

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This work was published anonymously. Pp. 1-66 deal with the Leasowes. The author enlarged and republished the book under the title: Letters on the Beauties of Hagley, Envil and the Leasowes. 2 vols. 12mo. London, 1777. B.M. The Leasowes' portion was then separately and anonymously published as: A Description of the Leasowes. pp. 142, 8vo. London and Birmingham, 1777. B.M. In the same year the Hagley portion was separately published as: A Description of Hagley Park. pp. 135, 8vo. London and Birmingham. B.M. And finally the whole reappeared in: A Companion to the Leasowes, Hagley, and Enville; with a sketch of Fisherwick . . . to which is prefixed The Present State of Birmingham. pp. 130, 8vo. London, Birmingham and Worcester, 1789. B.M., B.F.L.

**HOLLIDAY (J. R.).** Hales Owen Abbey. *Birmingham and Midland Institute, Archaeological Section, Transactions, Excursions and Reports*, 1871, pp. 49-72; Birmingham, 1872. S.A.

This very learned paper gives the most exhaustive history of the Abbey which has as yet appeared, together with a full description of the ruins from personal examination. "The chief interest of the paper lies in the fact that the tiles the author discovered at the Abbey are of the same mould and stamp as those found on the site of Chertsey Abbey. It is accompanied (?) by two plates of plans and elevations, one plate descriptive of some of the monuments and four plates descriptive of the encaustic and paving tiles found among the Abbey ruins. On pp. 50-51 the author gives his view of the derivation of the suffix "Owen," and on p. 64 he states that he failed to discover any traces of a subterranean passage from the Abbey to the town of Hales Owen. The original drawings of the tiles were exhibited at the Wolverhampton meeting of the Brit. Arch. Assoc. (see *Journ. B. A. A.*, vol. xxix. pp. 435, 436-440. London, 1873. B.M.)

With regard to the lost churchwardens' accounts he says: "After a time they turned up at the shop of a London bookseller, who sold them for a few shillings." [Harris says: "The parish documents were purloined some years ago, but have been lately discovered by a professional gentleman,

and it is hoped that the different Townships of the parish will enter into a subscription in order that they may be purchased, and restored to their proper place." See also in Prattinton, Dr. Lyttleton's search for the lost Leiger of H.O. In the only two copies we have seen of Holliday's paper (at S.A., and P.) the plates of plan and elevations of the Abbey are wanting; the B.M. has no copy, and so far as we can ascertain there is none in any of the London Libraries, so that so far as the public are concerned Hales Owen is the only abbey of which there exists no available plan. Certain appendices to which reference is made are also not printed, so that unfortunately some of the statements made by the author cannot be traced. For comparative note on abbey seals see below, *Lloyd and Dukes*.

**HONE (R. B., M.A., Archdeacon).** Church of St. John the Baptist, Hales Owen. A Paper read . . . before the Worcester Diocesan Architecture and Archæological Society, at Hales Owen, on 20th June, 1877. *Assoc. Archit. Soc. Reports and Papers*, vol. xiv. part i. pp. 88-97. Lincoln, 1877. B.M.

A detailed description of the church with "Notes" from an antiquarian friend and Mr. M. H. Bloxman's remarks. A lady, after perusing Harris' MSS., thinks these "Notes" were written by the Rev. D. Robertson, curate at the Lye, near H.O. An abstract of this paper has been published under the title: *Handbook to Hales Owen Church* . . . pp. 16, 8vo. Hales Owen [1882?]. P.

**HULBERT (CHARLES).** The history and description of the County of Salop. 2 vols. 4to. Shrewsbury and London, 1837. B.M.

Pp. 160-163, vol. ii. contain a short account of Hales Owen.

**JAMES (H. F.) AND SADDLER (J. C.).** B.M.

A large folio view of the Leasowes, dedicated to Mr. and Lady Halliday. The house is the modern one. Drawn by James and engraved by Sadler.

**JENKINS (D.).** View of Leasowes near Hales Owen, Shropshire, including the Priory and Seat of the late W. Shenstone, Esq. B.M.

The view of the house is as it existed in Shenstone's time.

**LLOYD (EDWARD) AND DUKES (T. F.).** Antiquities of Shropshire, from an old Manuscript of Edward Lloyd, Esq. . . . Revised and enlarged from private and other manuscripts, with Illustrations by Thos. Farmer Dukes, Esq. pp. xviii. + 321 + lxxxiii. etc. 4to. Shrewsbury, 1844. B.M.

Pp. 250-251. An abstract history of Hales Owen Abbey from original sources which are quoted. On p. 251 a charter is quoted "ex autographo penes Johannem Winford, Mil.," which tends to show that there existed an abbot, named Mathew, whose name up to now (1886) does not appear in any list, thus: "Omnibus Christi fidelibus, etc. frater Mathews abbas de Halesoweign et conventus ejusdem loci salutem . . . Dat. 31st Edw. III." This abbot's name is also omitted from L. and D.'s list on p. lxix. Mention is made of John Griffith, a monk of this house, who

adhered to the Church of Rome (at the Reformation) and who published certain works for the service of that communion. On p. lxi, in the B.M. copy, is a pencil note in the handwriting of Mr. R. W. Eyton, referring to Nash i. p. 458, from which it is to be inferred that there was an abbot, Roger, previous to Richard, in A.D. 1232. Compare with H. R. Luard's *Ann. Mon.* p. 424. With fac-similes of seals of the convent and of the Premonstratensian order, Holl. (p. 72) says only one seal of the Abbey is known to exist, and that one mutilated. In the B.M. (see above, Catalogue of Add. MSS. No. 9207) is one seal slightly broken, but in fair preservation. In the Appendix, pp. lxi-lxx, there are a list (incorrect) of Abbots, copies and titles of charters (in Latin) relating to Hales Owen, with extracts from *Valor Ecclesiasticus* 26 Henry VIII., showing gross income of the convent at its dissolution in 1538.

LUARD (HENRY RICHARDS). *Annales Monastici*. 5 vols. 8vo. London, 1869. B.M.

In vol. iv. : *Annales Prioratus de Wigornia A.D. 1-1377*, from MS. Cotton, Caligula A. x.

P. 424. The abbot of Hales Owen translated to Abbey of Welbeck, and succeeded at Hales Owen by R. 1232, therefore R. was not the first abbot; thus: "Translato abbate de Hales ad abbatiam Welbeck, successit ei R. canonicus ejusdem ecclesiae . . ."

Pp. 539-540. Death of N. abbot of Hales Owen and the blessing of John his successor, 1298.

———— Mathaei Parisiensis, *Monachi Sancti Albani, Chronica Majora*. 3 vols. 8vo. London, 1858, etc. B.M.

Vol. iii. pp. 489-490. The death of Peter de Rupibus and a list of the monasteries founded and endowed by him.

LYTTLETON (CHARLES, LL.D., *Dean of Exeter and Rector of Alvechurch in Worcestershire, afterwards Bishop of Carlisle*). *The Parochial Antiquities or Topographical Survey of Hagley, Frankley, Churchill, Clent, Arley and Hales Owen in the Countys of Worcester, Stafford and Salop, compiled from the original Records in the publick Offices and private Muniments, by . . .* in MS. pp. 241, fol. S. A.

This work forms the foundation of every history or account of Hales Owen, and persons, things, and places connected with it. On pp. 114 *et seq.* is given a complete history of Hales Owen, the Abbey, Manor, Church, etc., etc., followed by an Appendix (pp. 172-224) of copies of Original Records relating to Hales Owen Manor and Abbey. Foot-notes throughout give references to authorities quoted in full. It contains also full-page views of St. Kenelm's chapel and of Hales Owen church, both from the south, and one of the ruins of Hales Owen Abbey, all taken by J. Green in 1764. Also coloured drawings of figures and arms of the Lytton families in the north window of north chancel of H. O. church and some of like nature from windows in Arley and Frankley churches.

**LYTTLETON (CHARLES).** *The Genealogical and Historical Account of the Lyttletons of Frankley and Hagley in MS.* pp. 48, 4to. S. A.

The history of these families is of course intimately connected with that of Hales Owen.

————— *Church Notes in divers Counties.* In MS. pp. 119, 4to. S. A.

On pp. 14-15 notes on H. O. church and St. Kenelm's chapel visited by the author in 1743, and St. Kenelm's again in 1749.

**MILLER (HUGH).** *First Impressions of England and its People.* pp. 407, 8vo. London, 1847. B. M.

In chaps. viii. and ix. (pp. 133-192) Miller gives amusing and interesting gossip about Hales Owen, etc., describes the nail-makers and their independence, and reprints Goldsmith's account of the destruction of the Leasowes park. Miller says the people pronounce Leasowes, "Lisoe."

**MYTTON.** See *Prattinton*.

**NASH (TREADWAY RUSSEL).** *Collections for the History of Worcestershire.* 3 vols. fol. London and Oxford, 1789-1799. B. M. B. F. L. A. S.

According to the author (Introduction) Thos. Habington of Hindlip was the first to collect the materials for this history. After his death (1647, aged 87) his son transcribed them; they then passed through Thos. Habington (grandson) to Sir Wm. Compton, and then fell into the hands of Dr. Wm. Thomas, Rector of St. Nicolas, Worcester. He died in 1738, and Dr. Chas. Lyttleton purchased them, bequeathing them on his death, in 1768, to the Society of Antiquaries, who entrusted them to Mr. Nash for revision and publication.

Pp. 508-535 of vol. i. deal with Hales Owen, Romsley, St. Kenelm's, Oldbury, Warley, etc., etc. Reference is also made to Hales Owen on pp. 467 and 485, under the headings Frankley and Hagley. In vol. ii. in the Appendix (p. x, under heading Frankley), pp. xix-xlii, the history of the Abbey is related, with copies of records, etc. On p. 37, vol. iii. (the Supplement), are corrections and additions. Facing p. 490, vol. i. is a view of the Remains of Hales Owen Abbey engraved by J. Caldwell, and facing p. 598, as examples of Saxon [? Norman] architecture, prints of the font, some arches within, and the west door of, Hales Owen church, (four drawings made in 1749 see *Prattinton*, Collect. of Views, B. 2, 4 and 5). The history, in so far it as relates to Hales Owen, etc., is Lyttleton's, with Nash's corrections (?) and additions.

**NASMITH.** See *Tannor*.

**NEALE (J. P.).** *Views of the most interesting Collegiate and Parochial Churches of Great Britain . . .* London, 1824-5. 2 vols. 4to. B. M.

No pagination. In vol. i. plate xv. drawn by Neale and engraved by W. Wallis, represents the font in Hales Owen Church. With letterpress.

**NICHOLS (JOHN BOWYER).** *Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica.* 8 vols. 8vo. London, 1834, etc. B. M.

Vol. i. p. 14. A list of the abbots of Tichfield is given, from which it appears that Henry de Branewyk, an abbot of Tichfield, afterwards became abbot of Halesowen. On p. 205 it is stated that the cartularies of Halesowen monastery are possessed by the Lyttletons.

**NIGHTINGALE** (*Rev. J.*). In Britton and Brayley: *The Beauties of England and Wales*, vol. xiii. Shropshire and Somersetshire. pp. 711, 8vo. London, 1813. B.M.

Pp. 326-331 deal with Hales Owen and St. Kenelm, illustrated with three plates, viz. View (distant) of the town of Hales Owen, drawn and engraved by J. Storer, of the ruins of the Abbey, drawn by Parkes and engraved by W. Angas, and of the Leasowes drawn by Parkes and engraved by J. Stewart.

**NOAKE** (**JOHN**). *The Rambler in Worcestershire; or, Stray Notes on Churches and Congregations.* pp. 376, 8vo. London, 1854. B.M., B.F.L.

On pp. 258-282 a very full account and description of Hales Owen church is given. Some remarkable epitaphs from H. O. tombstones are reproduced, and, besides other matter found in Nash, there is reprinted a copy of a curious old ballad entitled *A Shropshire Tragedy*, viz. the murder of Walker, a bailiff, at Witley barn near Hales Owen, and the execution of the murderers.

————— *Notes and Queries for Worcestershire.* pp. 329, 8vo. London, 1856. B.M., B.F.L.

On p. 125 is given the date of the establishment of the first dissenting chapel at Hales Owen. The author states on p. 200: "An old story has also been handed down that the devil kept his hounds at Hales Owen (Hell's Own), and, with his huntsman, Harry-ca-nab, riding on wild bulls, used to hunt the boars on Bromsgrove Lickey." On pp. 218 and 233 respectively are described the Hales Owen customs of Bride's ales and of the Holy Loaf, the latter custom explaining how bread for the sacrament was obtained before the introduction of wafers. A list of bell founders is given on p. 241.

————— *Guide to Worcestershire.* pp. 384, 8vo. London, 1868. B.M., B.F.L.

Pp. 179-183 deal with Hales Owen. On p. 183 a reference is made to the bull-ring in the town.

————— *Worcestershire Relics.* pp. 335, 8vo. London and Worcester, 1877. B.M., B.F.L.

On p. 202 the author refers to the popular explanation of the words Hales-Owen, and on p. 235 he refers to the MSS. relating to Hales Owen at Hagley brought to light by the Royal Commission on Hist. Manuscripts. See below *Roy. Com.* Some notes on early attempts at working the collieries are given on pp. 266-267, and on pp. 326-327 he makes some remarks on the bells of Hales Owen.

**NOBLE.**

A woodcut facsimile of Sparro's view of abbey ruins. P.

**ORDNANCE SURVEY** of Worcestershire.

The Hales Owen parish portion was surveyed in 1883, and the publication thereof is now nearly completed. Like the other surveys, it will be published on the 1", the 6" and the 1:2500 scale.

## PARKES (D.).

- Under the initials D.P. or Δ.Π. Mr. Parkes sent several communications to the Gentleman's Magazine, thus:
- p. 457, vol. lxxv. 1795. A view of the "ruinated priory at the Leasowes, erected by the late worthy Mr. Shenstone. . . ."
- p. 905, vol. lxxv. 1795. Copy of a drawing taken in 1778 "of a cottage near Hales Owen, in Shropshire, once the infantile school of the celebrated poet Shenstone. . . ."
- pp. 738-739, vol. lxxvii. 1797. A view of St. Kenelm's chapel, where an annual cheese fair is held. "At the wake held there, called Kenelm's wake, *alias* Crab's wake, there is a singular custom of pelting each other with crabs; and even the clergyman seldom escapes, as he goes to, or comes from, the chapel."
- p. 113, vol. lxxix. 1799. A view of the ruin of part of Hales Owen Abbey Church, and one of the Abbey House, "now the residence of a substantial farmer." Parkes calls attention to the large sycamore growing there.
- p. 117, vol. lxxxii. 1802. A view of St. Kenelm's chapel from the south-east, with a copy of a figure supposed to be that of St. Kenelm, and a drawing of a pew end, with notes on the architecture of the chapel.
- pp. 613-616, vol. lxxxiii. 1803. A short account of Hales Owen church, with copies of the inscriptions. A view, drawn by Parkes and engraved by J. Cary, of the church from the south-west—the position of Shenstone's tomb being indicated.
- p. 724, *ibid.* Copies of inscriptions from the tombstones in the churchyard.
- p. 809, vol. lxxxvii. 1807. A view of the urn *in situ* erected by Shenstone at the Leasowes in memory of his friend Somerville; also a drawing of the stone from St. Margaret's well, illustrating the healing properties of the water by means of a figure of a man tottering and of one walking briskly away.
- p. 577, vol. lxxxviii. 1808. View of the remains of the Abbey Church at Hales Owen, drawn by Parkes and engraved by Basire, with a few words on the history of the abbey.
- p. 1057, *ibid.* An engraving by Basire of a Hales-Owen tradesman's (Wm. Bodely's) token, value one halfpenny, dated 1667. Parkes adds this is the only Hales Owen token he has met with.
- p. 505, vol. lxxxix. 1811. A view of the Leasowes House as it appeared when Shenstone lived in it, from a drawing by the poet in 1744, in the possession of D. Parkes. According to Parkes the house was pulled down, to make place for an "elegant modern house."
- p. 105, vol. xciii. pt. ii. 1823. A few words on Shenstone's house, and a full-page plate entitled: The Leasowes as it appeared in the time of the late Mr. Shenstone.

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Skeytches and Scrapes pycked upp in lonelie Walkes.  
MSS. 8vo. [1797, *et seq.* ?] B M.

Contains coloured sketches of Frankley church (2), St. Kenelm's chapel (2), plan of Hales Owen parish, drawings of the tiles dug up at the abbey, etc. etc.

- PARKES (D.)** See also *Nightingale* and *Pearson*.
- PEARSON (W.)**. Select Views of the Antiquities of Shropshire, with a descriptive account of each building. Obl. fol. London, 1807. B. M.  
Contains a view of St. Kenelm's Chapel, and one of Hales Owen Abbey, both drawn by D. Parkes and engraved by W. Pearson. The view of the abbey was taken in 1802. The work republished in 1824 under the title, A Selection of Antiquities in the County of Salop . . . pp. 112, 4to. B.M.
- PECK MSS.** Vol. ii. Add. MSS., No. 4935, in B. M.  
Fol. 10. List of monks at Dodford Priory in 1506.  
Fol. 26. Thomas de Lech abbot of Hales Owen in 1322.  
Fol. 27. Letter to abbot of Hales Owen, from John abbot of Welbeck, concerning Thomas Bromysgrove, canon of Hales Owen, an apostate.  
Fol. 28. Reply to the above, both without name or date.  
Fol. 29. Questions answered at the visitation in 1478. (?) Founded 1218; abbots of Welbeck entered in May the same year.  
Fol. 30. Thos. Bruge elected abbot in 1485.  
Fol. 32. The inventory taken at the death of Bruge in 1505.  
Fol. 34. Edm. Greyne, prior of Horneby, elected abbot in 1505.  
Fol. 58. Tallum becomes a cell to Hales Owen in 1414.  
Fol. 61 and 78. References to Hales Owen.  
Fol. 91. Index to above MSS. on Hales Owen.  
Fol. 93. Index to above MSS. on Tallum.
- PELHAM (F. G., Hon. and Rev.)**. Parish Church, Hales Owen. The Rector's Address and Parish Manual. pp. 72, 8vo. Beverley, 1884. P.  
Besides the usual parish accounts and news, the Rector publishes pp. 34-36 the Ringers and Chimers rules, a list of vicars and curates of the church (pp. 52-53), extracts from the diary (pp. 54-56), and items from the book (pp. 56-59) of the late Archdeacon Hone; on pp. 57-58 he gives an account of the church bells, and on pp. 58-60 some notes of and an account of the restoration of the church.
- PHILLIPS (C.)**.  
Print of Halesowen church. The tower and spire alone are visible, the body of the building being hidden by a house and a barn. Published 1 Aug. 1787. B. M.
- PHILLIPS (T.)**. The History and Antiquities of Shrewsbury. pp. 245, 4to. Shrewsbury and London, 1779. B. M.  
Reference to Hales Owen Abbey is made on pp. 218 and 219, and on pp. 229-230 a few words on the history of the abbey are given.
- POUNCEY**. See *Copperplate Magazines*.
- PRATTINTON (P.)**. Worcestershire Parishes. Prattinton MSS. Collection. 4to. S. A.  
In vol. xvi. under the heading Hales Owen is contained every note or reference which this indefatigable collector was able to obtain relating to the history of Hales Owen and its surroundings, including Cradley, Oldbury,



St. Kenelm, Clent, etc., etc. It contains copies of Lyttleton's interesting letters to Mr. Mytton, whilst he was collecting materials for his history, his search for the lost Leiger Book of H.O., with the accounts of his discoveries as he made them. Copies of the customs of the Manor of Hales Owen, Romesley, Warley, and Cradley, from MSS. of the late Geo. Clarke (1817 *ob.*); the Rev. D. Cooke's evidences, 1814; the Rev. J. Blakeway's notes in Phillips Sh. Extracts from S. Peck's Monast. Angl. Dr. Lyttleton appears to have commenced collecting for his friend Mr. Mytton of Shrewsbury. In a letter dated Jan. 3, 1735, the Doctor refers to instruments on H.O. which Dr. Thomas is transcribing for M.'s use, but in a letter dated Dec. 6, 1740, he says he would be glad to see "all your collection relating to H.O."

**PRATTINTON (P.).** Worcestershire. Prattinton MS. Collection. 4to. S. A.

In a volume entitled "Monasticon," on pp. 80-102, are given all known references to the abbey of Hales Owen, with copies of charters, etc., from Habington's Monasticon Wigorensis (and Thomas's MSS. f).

———— A Collection of Views to illustrate his MSS. Collection.

Fol. S. A.

Duplicates of views, etc., already referred to in the literature, are omitted here.

**A. Prints:**

1. A view of Hales Owen church from the south-west sold by J. Seago, Printseller, High Street, St. Giles, London. (Compare with Jas. Green.)
2. St. Kenelm's chapel. B. Green pinx. et sculp. Publ. by C. Kearsley, 46, Fleet Street, Jan. 1, 1778.
3. Door within the porch of Hales Owen church, Ross sc. (see below, B 3).

**B. Drawings.**

1. West door of Hales Owen church taken by a young man at the Inn there.
2. West door of Hales Owen church, 1749.
3. Door within the porch of H. O. church, 1749 (see above, A 3).
4. The font at Hales Owen, 1749 (see *Nash*).
5. The arches within the church at Hales Owen, 1749 (see *Nash*).
6. View of Hales Owen Abbey [part of ruin of].
7. The South door of St. Kenelm's chapel in Hales Owen. Comp. Salop. 1750.
8. Ruin of Hales Owen Abbey, by T. James Dudliston.
9. Collections of drawings copied from those in the possession of Mr. Mytton; they include drawings of recumbent figures from the Abbey, and two tracings of drawings of the ruin.

**PULLING (ALEX.).** The Law Reports. Index to the Orders in Council, Proclamations, Royal Commissions of Inquiry. . . . Published in the London Gazette from 1 Jan. 1830, to 31 Dec. 1883. London, 1885. 8vo. pp. xlii. + 2010. B.M.

References to Cakemore, p. 298; Cradley, p. 455; Halesowen, p. 736; Hasbury, p. 770; Hawn Hill, p. 782; Hunnington, p. 872; Illey, p. 886; Lapal, p. 976; Lutley, p. 1107; Oldbury, p. 1287; Quinton, p. 1394; Ridgeacre, p. 1424; Romsley, p. 1441; Warley Salop and Warley Wigorn, p. 1819.

**RADCLIFFE.** See *Calvert*.

**ROSS.** See *Prattinton*.

**ROYAL COMMISSION ON HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS.** Second Report. Fol. London, 1871. B.M.

p. 38 in the Appendix is given a list of some of the early deeds preserved at Hagley; those relating to Hales Owen are:

1. King John by his Charter, tested at Clarendon on the 8th Aug., 17th year of his reign, grants the Manor of Hales to God and St. Mary at Hales.
2. King Henry III., by his Charter dated 5th April, 11th year of his reign, confirms the above grant by King John; the exemptions are very full.
2. King Henry III., by Charter dated 18th Oct., 31st year of his year, grants the church of Waleschale, Walsall in Staffordshire, to the Abbey of Hales.
4. Of the date of 14th of the Kalends of November, 1282, is an appointment by the Bishop of Worcester of a vicar to the church of Hales, by virtue of a Paper Bull recited.
5. King Edward III., by letters patent dated 2nd May, in the 11th year of his reign, and tested at the town of London, licenses John Buttetourt to alienate Wyrneley in Worcestershire to the abbot and convent of Hales Owen.
6. On the 4th Jan., 1331, Adam, bishop of Worcester, confirms various grants by Bishops of Worcester, the founders, and several Popes, regarding the appropriation of the church of Hales Owen.
7. "There are other ancient deeds relating to the monastery of Hales Owen; and bailiff's accounts for the abbey, 34 and 35 Edw. III., and a Cartulary of the Abbey in the shape of a roll three or four feet long, and—  
"A hundred roll of the burgh of Hales Edw. I.  
"Deeds of the 13th and 14th centuries relating to lands at Frankley, co. Worcester."

————— **Fourth Report.** Fol. London, 1874. B.M.

On p. 265 in the Appendix, No. 82 of vol. i. of Civil War Letters preserved at Newnham Paddox (Earl of Denbigh's) is: "An order to all commanders, officers, and soldiers for the service of the Parliament, 'or under my (Lord Denbigh's) command,' to forbear to molest, disturb or seize upon the person, goods or chattels of Thomas Littleton, parson of Suckly, and vicar of Hales Owen, 'a laborious painfull minister, and well affected to y<sup>e</sup> Parliam<sup>t</sup>.' April 16, 1644."

**S. (P.).** King Kenulph's Daughter. *The Mirror*, vol. xx. pp. 4-5. London, 1832. B.M.

A ballad on the murder of St. Kenelm, and on the fate of his sister who murdered him.

**SADDLER.** See *James*.

**SANDERS (WILLIAM BASEVI).** *A Literal Extension of the Latin Text, and an English Translation of Domesday Book in relation to the County of Worcester.* Fol. Worcester, 1864. B.M.

Gives an account of the manors of Frankley, Hales Owen, Cradley, Hagley, etc., etc., by whom owned. With Index and Glossary.

**SHENSTONE (WILLIAM).** *The Works in Verse and Prose of William Shenstone, Esq.* In two volumes. With Decorations. The Second Edition. London: printed by J. Hughes, for J. Dodsley, in Pall Mall, 1765. 8vo. B.M.

In vol. ii. pp. 285-320, R. Dodsley gives a very complete description of the Leasowes, with a plan of the grounds, showing the position of the various inscriptions, statues, etc. This description has been repeatedly published.

**SPARRO.** See *Grosc.*

**STEWART.** See *Nightingale.*

**STEPHENS.** See *Harris.*

**STORER (J.) AND GREIG (J.).** *Antiquarian and Topographical Cabinet.*  
 . . . . 10 vols. 8vo. London, 1807-1811. B.M.

In vol. i. is a view, drawn and engraved by Storer, of a portion of the town and church of Hales Owen and a view, drawn and engraved by Greig, of the ruins of Hales Owen Abbey. In vol. x. is another view of the ruins, drawn and engraved by Storer. The plates are all small and beautifully executed, and accompanied by descriptive letter-press.

**STORER.** See also *Nightingale* and *Copperplate Magazine.*

**TANNER (THOMAS, D.D., Bishop of St. Asaph).** *Notitia Monastica.*  
 . . . . Published A.D. MDCCXLIV, by John Tanner, M.A. . . .  
 And now reprinted with many additions by James Nasmyth, M.A.  
 Fol. Cambridge, 1787. B.M.

No pagination. Under Shropshire, No. xiii., under heading Hales, or Halesoweyne, is given a list of references to Public Records concerning Hales Owen.

**TIMMINGS (WILLIAM).** *The History and Antiquities of Saint Kenelm or Callums and Kenelmstowe, Salop, the murder and burial of Kenelm, King of Mercia.* pp. 63, 12mo. Stourbridge: Printed and sold by Joseph Henning, also sold by J. Fowler, and by the Author, Holy Cross House, Clent, and the Booksellers in the neighbourhood, 1839. P.

— Second Edition, with Additions. *A Guide to Clent Hills,* by . . . pp. 96, 12mo. Hales Owen: Printed and sold by W. Harris; sold also by the Author, Holy Cross House, Clent and the principal booksellers in the neighbourhood, 1836. P.

With plate giving view of village of Clent.

- TURNER (W. H.) and COXE (Rev. H. O.). Calendar of Charters and Rolls preserved in the Bodleian Library. 8vo. Oxford, 1878.  
 p. 396. Inrolment of six charters relating to the possessions of the abbey at Harborne with grants to a certain John, son of Adam de Teshale. In the sixth charter Martin is mentioned as the abbot (*temp.* Edw. I.).
- WALCOTT (M. E. C.). The Abbeys of Winchcombe, Hayles, Cirencester, and Hales Owen. *Journ. Brit. Arch. Assoc.* vol. xxxiv. pp. 333-347. London, 1878. B. M.  
 Pp. 345-347 contain notes on Hales Owen Abbey extracted, without acknowledgment, from Holliday.
- WALLIS. See *Neale*.
- WEST. See *Calvert*.
- WHATELEY (THOMAS). Observations on Modern Gardening, illustrated by Descriptions. pp. 257. 8vo. London, 1770. B. M.  
 Pp. 162-174 contain a philosophical description of the Leasowes.
- WILLIS (B.). An History of the Mitred Parliamentary Abbies. . . . 2 vols. 8vo. London, 1718. B. M.  
 Vol. ii. p. 191. Haylesowen. "In King Henry the 6th's, & Edward 4th's Reign, viz. 1432 & 1475, John Derby, L.L.B. occurs Abbat; as does Thomas Brige An. 1488, & 1500, in King Henry the 7th's time, when this convent consisted of 35 Religious, as appears by their names return'd at a Visitation. William Taylor last Abbat, surrender'd this Convent June 9, 1539, & had a Pension of £66. 13s. 4d."
- WOODHOUSE. See *Giles*.

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 Owen, A.D. 1534.

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 within the hundred of Halfshire. June, 1631.

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 the Poor, etc.

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- A. D.
819. St. Kenelm murdered by Quenduda.—*Leland Coll.* i. 212. B.M.
955. Olwin held manor of Hala.—*Domesday.*
1016. Clent part of possessions of Diocese of Worcester.—(*Heming. Chartul.* i. 276).
- 1045–1066. Manor of Hala worth £24 yearly.—*Domesday.*
1086. Roger, Earl of Montgomery and Shrewsbury, holds the manor of Hala. There were two priests at Hala church.—*Domesday.*
1094. The earldom of Shrewsbury passes to Hugh, second son of Roger, at the latter's death.—*Freeman's Hist. Norm. Cong.* iv. 500 and v. 112.
1098. Hugh killed. Robert de Belesme buys the earldom of Shrewsbury for £3000.—*Freeman*, v. 113.
1102. Robert's property confiscated by Henry I. (and Hales reverts to the crown).—*Freeman*, v. 173.
1120. St. Norbert de Cleves founds the Abbey of Austin Canons at Premonstre in Picardy.—*Dugdale* (ed. 1830), vi. 863; *Ex Hist. Angl. Script. Antiq.* edit. Lond. 1653, col. 1014, l. 29, et 143, l. 25.
1146. The Premonstratensian Canons come over to England.—*Ibid.*
1167. Sheriff of Shropshire makes payments into royal exchequer on account of the manor of Hales; *ibid* in 1174, 1189 and 1197.—*Rot. Pip.* 13 H. II.; *Lyttleton.*
1177. Manors of Ellesmere and Hales granted to David ap Owen, Prince of Wales, by Henry II.—*Rot. Chart.* 1 John, 44.
- 1177 (*circa*). Advowson of Hales church given to Pershore Abbey.—*Abb. Placit.* p. 24, and *Rot. Cur.* 1 John, A 1, No. 7.
- 1184 (*circa*). Dodford Priory founded by Henry II.—*Nash*, i. 153.
1199. Abbot of Pershore gives up advowson of H. O. church.—*Rot. Cur. Reg.* ii. 156.
1200. Advowson of Hales church in the hands of John again.—*Placit. Dom. Cap. West.* p. 24, and *Rot. Cur. Reg.* ii. 156.
1200. John confirms grant of Henry II. of Hales manor to David, to Emma, David's wife.—*Rot. Chart.* 1 John, 44.
1202. Emma makes payment on account of manor.—*Rot. Canc.* p. 121.

1204. David ap Owen died.—*Eyton's Antiq. Shrop.* x. 235.
- 1214 (*previous to*). Tallum founded.—*Dugdale*, iv. 161.
1214. Hales manor granted by John to Peter de Rupibus, Bishop of Winton, for the establishment of a religious house—*Roy. Com. Hist. MSS. ii. Rep.* p. 38; also *Rot. Char.* i. 201.
1215. John confirmed the manor and its appurtenances to the Premonstratensian Canons.—*Rot. Char.* i. 217.
1217. The Bishop of Winchester impressed with £17 3s. 4d. towards building the Abbey.—*Lloyd and Dukes; Rot. Pip.* 2 Hen. III. rot. 1 a tit. *Salopscire.*
1218. The Premonstratensian Canons from Welbeck take possession of their new abbey of Hales.—*Peck MSS.* ii. fol. 29 (*Ashmol. MS.* No. 1519, fol. 5 b.).
1219. Grant of a weekly market, on Wednesday, and also a yearly fair, St. Denis day, to abbot and convent of Hales.—*Rot. Claus.* 4 Hen. III. m. 3.
- 1220 (*circa*). Warin de Upton grants 40 acres at Hahhelench to the abbey.—*Lyttleton; Nash*, App. xx.
- 1222 (*circa*). Roger, first abbot.—Compare *Nash*, i. 458; *Lloyd*, Appendix, lxix.; *Luard*, iv. 424. *Holl.* 54 places this Roger after Branewyk; also *Rot. Lit. Claus.* ii. 209.
1223. Grants to Peter for repairs to H. O. church.—*Rot. Lit. Claus.* i. 550.
- 1224 (*previous to*). Church and chapel of Walsall presented to Hales Abbey by Sir Wm. Rufus.—*Dugdale*, vi. 927; and also *Holliday*, 58.
1226. John's grant to the Abbey of Hales confirmed by Henry III.—*Pat.* 2 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 18, and *Roy. Com. Hist. MSS.* ii. Rep. 38.
1231. Tichfield founded by Peter de Rupibus.—(*Ashmol*, 1519.)
1231. Cell of Dodford, confirmed in its possessions.—*Nash*, i. 174; *Cart.* 16 Hen. III. m. 8.
1232. Richard, Abbot of Hales.—*Luard*, iv. 424; *Nichol's Topographia Coll.* i. 14; *Rot. Orig. Cur. Seac.* ii. 98 b.
1233. Charter of free warren granted to convent of Hales.—*Lyttleton; Nash*, i. 511.
1238. Peter de Rupibus died.—*Matthei Parisiensis Chronica Majora.* iii. 489–490.
1241. Disputes between the base tenants and the convent settled.—*Rot. Orig. in Cur. Seac.* i. 4 (*Rot.* ii. 26 H. III.).
1245. Grant of the church and chapel of Walsall to the Abbey of Hales confirmed by Henry III.—*Roy. Com. Hist. MSS.* ii. Rep. 38.

- 1245 (*circa*). Henry de Branewyk Abbot.—*Nichols Coll. Topogr.* i. 14.
1248. Advowson of church of Hales appropriated by the abbey.—*Dugdale*, vi. 927.
1270. Ordination of the vicarage of Hales.—*Dugdale*, vi. 928.
- 1270 (*circa*). Petty debts court established.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 515.
1270. Bishop Godfrey confirms grant of advowson of Hales church to the Abbot of Hales.—*Dugdale*, vi. 928.
1271. First mention of the suffix "Owen"—spelt Oweyn.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 510.
- 1271 (*circa*). The abbot and convent erect Hales into a borough.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 514.
- 1272 (*circa*). Simon de Frankley founds chantry at St. Leonard's chapel (belonging to Hales Abbey).—*Hab. MSS.*
1274. First mention of the discovery of coals.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 508.
1274. (*circa*). Martin, abbot.—*Turner*, 396.
1275. The customs of the manor of Hales set forth.—*Escheat*, 4 Ed. I. 93; *Lloyd and Dukes*.
1276. Enquiry ordered concerning the wrongs complained of by the abbey's tenants.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 512, *Ex bundello inquisitionem de anno 4 Edw. I. apud Westm. reservat.*
- 1277 (*circa*). Nicholas abbot.—*Lyttleton*.
1277. First record of Hales called a borough.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 515.
1278. Settlement of dispute between Hales Owen Abbey and the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield concerning the advowson of Harborne church; Hales Owen abbot loses case.—*Nash*, App. xx. and xxxi., *Qu. Ex. Reg. Cov. et Lich. Episc.* fol. 154 b.
1278. Court Rolls of Romsley first mentioned.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 518.
1278. Judgment given against the tenants in their disputes with the abbey.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 513 (*De anno 14 Edw. I., Rot. 25*).
1279. Attempt to disallow King John's grant to the Abbey.—*Lyttleton: Placita coram rege de Term S. Mich. anno Ed. 7mo.* [*sic*] *rott. 33.*
1280. Record of breach of assize of ale at Kenelmstowe.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 519.
1282. Robert de Crawle first vicar.—*Lyttleton*; also *Roy. Com. Hist. MSS.* ii. Rep. 38.
1286. Judgment given against the tenants.—14 Edw. I. *Rot. 25.*
1291. License granted to abbot and convent to fortify certain apartments in the abbey.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, App. p. xxiv.
1291. Blakely Grange mentioned as a demesne farm of Hales abbey.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 522, *ex Tanner's MSS. in Bodl. Lib.*

1291. Manor of Hales rated at 40 marks.—*Pope Nicolas' Valor, Bodl. MS. No. 21.*
1291. The abbot fined for ploughing up the king's highway.—*Assizes of Salop*, 20 Edw. I.; *Lloyd and Dukes.*
1292. Dodford, on account of poverty, is exempted from taxation by Pope Nicolas.—*Nash*, i. 153.
1294. Abbot summoned to Council of Clergy.—*Parl. Writs*, i. 654.
1295. Roger de Somery died seized of the manor of Worley Wigorn?—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 522.
- 1295, 1296. Abbot summoned to Parliament.—*Parl. Writs*, i. 654.
1296. Frankley acknowledged to be in Hales Owen parish, which fact had been disputed by the prior and convent of Dudley.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 462.
1297. Abbot summoned to military service.—*Parl. Writs*, i. 654.
1298. John becomes abbot on Nicholas' death.—*Luard*, iv. 539-40.
1298. Wednesbury claimed by the crown; the convent of Hales Owen pays the king ten marks for right of presentation.—*Plac. de Quo Warranto*, 715, in rot. 35.
1300. Abbot summoned to military service.—*Parl. Writs*, i. 654.
- 1300, 1301. Abbot summoned to Parliament.—*Ibid.*
1306. William de Frankley vicar.—*Nash*, i. 535.
- 1306 (*circa*). Walter de Flagge abbot.—*Lyttleton*; *Regist. Gifford (Wigorn)*, fol. 124.
1307. Statute of Carlisle, illegalising the exactions of the abbots of Premonstre.—*Statutes at Large*, vol. i. 157.
- 1307, 1309, 1311, 1312, 1313. Abbot summoned to Parliament.—*Parl. Writs*, ii. 966.
1308. Moiety of Warley Wigorn granted by Wm. Fokerham to Rich. Fokerham?—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 523.
1308. First mention of St. Katherine's chapel at Warley Wigorn.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 524.
1309. Exactions of the abbot of Premonstre resisted at a Council of Canons at Hales Owen (Walter de Flagge abbot).—*Holl.* 55 (*Peck MSS.* ii?).
- 1310 (?). Moiety of Manor of Warley Wigorn granted by Wm. Fokerham to John de Littleton.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 523.
1311. Philip de Bromwich vicar.—*Nash*, i. 535.
- 1314 (*circa*). Bartholomew abbot.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, App. xxiii.
1316. Abbot certified as Lord of township of H. Owen.—*Parl. Writs*, ii. 966.
1320. Warley Wigorn passes to sisters of John de Somery?—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 522.

1322. Manors of Cradley and Warley Wigorn assigned to Joan Botetourt.—*Lyttleton* ; *Nash*, i. 525.
1322. Tenement in Blakeley given to Hales Owen Abbey.—*Claus.* 16 Edw. II. m. 21.
- 1322 (*circa*). Thos. de Lech abbot.—*Peck*, ii. fol. 26.
1326. Disputes between the Abbey and its tenants finally adjusted.—*Lyttleton* ; *Nash*, i. 518.
- 1327 (*circa*). Thos. de Birmingham Abbot.—*Lyttleton* ; *Nash*, i. 513, and App. xxiii. He appears again 1343.—*Harl. Chart.*
1331. Manor of Rowley granted by John de Hampton to H. O. Abbey. (*Brevia Regis* 5 Edw. III. n. 28) ; *Cal. Rot. Pat.* p. 114. m. 6.
1331. Adam, Bishop of Worcester, confirms grant by his predecessors and others of the appropriation of Hales Owen Church to the Abbot.—*Roy. Com. Hist. MSS.* ii. Rep. 38.
1333. Joan (de Somery) de Botetourt obtains charter of free warren for Cradley and Warley Wigorn.—*Nash*, i. 525, ex Chart. 8, Edw. III. No. 19.
1337. Rich. Fokerham grants moiety of Warley Wigorn to Joan Botetourt.—*Roy. Com. Hist. MSS.* ii. Rep. 38.
1337. Manor of Warley Wigorn granted by Joan de Botetourt to Hales Owen Abbey, being licensed by Edward III.—*Roy. Com. Hist. MSS.* ii. Rep. 38 ; *Rot. Pat. Cal.* 129. m. 7. and 127. m. 10.
1339. License granted to John de Homesworth for Walbroke Chapel at Warley Wigorn.—*Lyttleton* ; *Reg. Wolfstan*, iii. fol. 3.
1340. License granted to John Hawket to celebrate mass in the private chapel of Blakeley Grange.—*Lyttleton* ; *Nash*, i. 521.
1340. Certain lands at Warley Wigorn, Hagley and Oldbury become the property of the abbey.—*Rot. Char.* 320, 23 Edw. III.
1340. John de Botetourt grants the advowsons of Clent and Rowley churches and chapels to Hales Owen Abbey.—*Pat.* 16 Rich. II. 3, m. 21, confirm.
- 1344 (*circa*). Canons complain of losses through fires in Hales Owen township (? *Harris*).
1344. At the request of Wm. de Clinton, Edward III. grants a fair to last four days at the feast of St. Barnabas, and a weekly, Monday, market to Hales Owen.—*Cart.* 18 Edw. III. n. 27.
1344. Ordination of the vicarage of Clent by Wulstan, Bishop of Worcester (? *Nash*).
1348. Johannes Pecleshall gives land to abbey.—*Cal. Rot. Char.* 320.
- 1356 (*circa*). Matheus, Abbot.—*Ex autographo penes Johannem Winford, Mil.*, quoted by *Lloyd and Dukes*, 251.

1366. William de Bromsgrove abbot.—(*Episc. Reg. Lich.* No. 3, 576.)
1369. On the day of burial of W. Bromsgrove, one penny apicce given to 635 poor.—*Holl.* p. 54.
1369. Richard de Hampton abbot.—*Lyttleton*; *Regist. Lynn*, fol. 20.
1369. Roger del Ree vicar.—*Nash*, i. 535.
1370. Record of the plague at Hales Owen.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 524.
1370. Patronage of Hales church decided in favour of the abbey against the claims of archdeacon of Worcester.
1372. Rents of Cradley amount to £11 3s. 11d.—*Nash*, i. 525.
1372. Rights and titles of Hales Owen abbots impugned?—*Nash*, i. 532.
1375. John Poole vicar.—*Nash*, i. 535.
1385. John de Botetourt bequeaths his body to be buried before the high altar in the abbey church.—(*Reg. Courtney in biblioth. Lambeth*); *Lyttleton*.
1387. Rich. II. confirms land and liberties of abbey.—*Cal. Rot. Pat.* 216. m. 17.
- 1390 (*circa*). The tower of Hales Owen church begun.—*Diocesan Hist. of Worcester, by Smith and Onslow*, p. 134. B.M.
1390. Rich. II. confirms grant of Rowley.—*Cal. Rot. Pat.* 221. m. 8.
- 1391 (*circa*). John de Hampton abbot.—*Lyttleton*; *Regist. Wakefield*, fol. 80.
1395. John Poole abbot (? previously vicar).—*Lyttleton*; *Regist. Wigorn sed vacante*, fol. 200; *Dugdale*, vi. 935.
1395. (?) Henry Frebody vicar.—See A.D. 1424.
1414. Tallum becomes a cell to Hales Owen.—*Peck MSS.* ii. fol. 58.
1416. Margery of Kenelmstowe endows St. Kenelm's chapel.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 520.
1417. Sir Hugh Burnell bequeaths his body to be buried in the choir of the abbey church.—*Lyttleton*; *Ex Reg. Chicheley Cant. archiep. in bibl. Lambeth*.
1419. John Beauchamp purchases Cradley.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 525.
1422. Henry de Kidderminster abbot.—*Lyttleton*; *Regist. Morgan*, i. fol. 16; *Holl.* 55.—*Episc. Reg. Lich.* No. 9. 48 b.
1424. William Edgbaston, vicar.—*Nash*, i. 535.
1424. Henry Frebody, vicar, died.—*ib.*
1436. James Butler enfeoffed of Cradley.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 525.
- 1440 (*circa*). Hales Owen church tower completed.—*Diocesan Hist. of Worcester, by Smith and Onslow*, p. 134. B.M.
- 1443 (*circa*). William Henele abbot. — *Harleian MS.* No. 6963, 65; from *Pat.* 21 H. 6. p. 2. as abbot of Hayles.
1444. Brendhall mentioned as manor house of Warley Wigorn; *ibid.* in 1501.—*Lyttleton*; *Nash*, i. 524.

- 1446 (*circa*). John Derby abbot.—*Lyttleton: Regist. Carpenter*, i. fol. 46; *Holl.* 55.
1450. Duke of Clarence receives from the King the rent which the abbey pays for manor of Rowley.—*Pat.* 29 Hen. VI. 1. m. 5.
1453. Earl of Wiltshire becomes possessed of Cradley, Clent, Oldswinford, and Hagley.—*Lyttleton; Nash*, i. 525.
1460. Earl of Wiltshire beheaded, and Cradley granted to Fulk Stafford.—*Lyttleton; Nash*, i. 525; *Pat.* 1. Edw. IV. 4. m. 18.
1461. Abbot required to answer why no priest to officiate at St. Leonard's Chapel.—*Hab. MSS.*
1462. Manor of Cradley granted to Prout.—*Lyttleton*; 2 Edw. IV. 2. m. 9.
1462. Thos. Squyer endows St. Kenelm's.—*Nash*, app. xi.
1464. Patronage of Priory of Dodford granted to Hales Owen convent. *Cal. Rot. Pat.* p. 308. m. 21.
1466. William Stampes endows St. Kenelm's with Fillaughton lands. *Nash*, app. xi.
1467. Lands and tenements in Lichfield, Carbinch, etc., granted to the abbey.—*Pat.* 7 Edw. IV. i. m. 12.
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